

FY 2011 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Application Checklist

Check Prior Year BVP Funds

Prior to completing an application for FY 2011 BVP funds, it is strongly recommended that prior year participants log into the BVP system and check for prior year BVP fund balances and the "de-obligation date"/use expiration date for each year's funds. In some instances the use of prior year funds had been extended. All "Requests for Payments" must be submitted to the BVP system on or before the "de-obligation date" or the funds will be considered expired and will no longer be available.

Check Your Jurisdiction and Contact Information & Update if Needed

BJA uses the information provided by each applicant when sending emails or updates about the program. Please make sure the contact information is up to date in the BVP system. Additionally, the banking information used by the jurisdiction should be verified in order to ensure prompt and correct electronic transfer of BVP funds.

Be sure that the vests you intend to purchase are on the NIJ compliant list

Go to <http://www.justnet.org/pages/BallisticCPL.aspx> to determine that the protective vest model your agency intends to purchase has actually gone through the NIJ's Compliance Testing Program. Double check all products. The only way to be 100% certain that a vest model is an NIJ compliant vest is to check the NIJ Compliant Products List. The latest NIJ standard is Standard-0101.06.

Have a written Mandatory Wear policy in place when application is submitted

Beginning with FY 2011, in order to receive BVP funds, jurisdictions must certify, during the application process, that all law enforcement agencies benefitting from the BVP Program have a written "mandatory wear" policy in effect. This policy must be in place for at least all uniformed officers before any FY 2011 funding can be used by the agency. There are no requirements regarding the nature of the policy other than it being a mandatory wear policy for all uniformed officers while engaged in patrol and field activities.

FY 2011 BVP Funds can only be used for vests ordered after April 1, 2011